

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Suite 104 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Presiding over the meeting was Chairperson Patricia Heim. Attending the meeting were board members George Harding, Wade Hinton, Darlene McNeece and Justin Pitt.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

On motion by Harding, seconded by Hinton, the board voted unanimously to amend the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes to include that new board member Justin Pitt was present but not participating in the meeting. The motion to approve the minutes, as amended, for the March 10, 2010 meeting passed the board unanimously.

Show Cause Hearings

10-04 Eric Stewart, for failing to report campaign contributions received, for overstating reported contributions and for not properly maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty per violation. Sen. Stewart has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its February 10, 2010 meeting to issue Sen. Stewart a show cause notice. Sen. Stewart requested to appear before the board.

In addition to correcting most of the errors, Sen. Stewart personally appeared before the board and explained his failure to report contributions, for overstating contributions and for not properly maintaining campaign records.

The board voted at its March 10, 2010 meeting to delay any further action in this matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow Sen. Stewart an opportunity to complete all corrections to his campaign financial disclosure reports.

Director Rawlins informed the board that Sen. Stewart requested that the board delay any action in his case until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow him an opportunity to complete all corrections to his campaign financial disclosure reports.

Without objection, the board voted unanimously to defer any action in this matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow Sen. Stewart an opportunity to complete all corrections to his campaign financial disclosure reports.

10-06 Joe Towns, Jr., for failing to report campaign contributions, receiving contributions in excess of campaign limits, not maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes, failing to report campaign expenditures incurred, improperly reporting campaign expenditures in the correct reporting period, and for failing to obtain and/or obtain supporting documentation for all campaign expenditures. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty per violation. Rep. Towns has had previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its February 10, 2010 meeting to issue Rep. Town's a show cause notice for failing to report campaign contributions, receiving contributions in excess of campaign limits, not maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes, failing to report campaign expenditures incurred, improperly reporting campaign expenditures in the correct reporting period, and for failing to obtain and/or obtain supporting documentation for all campaign expenditures.

Without objection, the board voted at its March 10, 2010 meeting to defer any action in this matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow Rep. Towns an opportunity to receive the show cause notice.

In addition to correcting some of the errors, Rep. Towns personally appeared before the board and explained his failure to report campaign contributions, receiving contributions in excess of campaign limits, not maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes, failing to report campaign expenditures incurred, improperly reporting campaign expenditures in the correct reporting period, and for failing to obtain and/or obtain supporting documentation for all campaign expenditures.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Harding, the board voted unanimously to defer any action in this matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow Rep. Towns an opportunity to complete all corrections to his campaign financial disclosure statements.

10-01 Tony Greene, for failure to file a 2008 pre-general campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Greene has had no previous matters before the board. (see below)

The board voted at its March 10, 2010 meeting to issue Mr. Greene a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Harding, the board voted unanimously to assess Mr. Greene a \$10,000 civil penalty.

10-02 Eddie Oden, for failure to file a 2008 3rd quarter campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Oden has had a previous matter before the board. (see below)

The board voted at its March 10, 2010 meeting to issue Mr. Oden a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Harding, the board voted unanimously to assess Mr. Oden a \$10,000 civil penalty.

10-03 Eddie Oden, for failure to file a 2008 pre-general campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report

filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Oden has had a previous matter before the board. (see above)

The board voted at its March 10, 2010 meeting to issue Mr. Oden a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Harding, the board voted unanimously to assess Mr. Oden a \$10,000 civil penalty.

10-07 Bobby Scott, for failure to timely file a 2009 4th quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), eight days late, maximum two hundred (\$200) civil penalty. Mr. Scott has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its March 10, 2010 meeting to issue Mr. Scott a show cause notice.

Mr. Scott submitted a sworn statement for the board's consideration.

On motion by Hinton, seconded by Pitt, the board voted unanimously to take no further action in this matter.

Cases Considered for Issuance of Show Cause Notice

Boyce T. McCall, Sr., for failure to timely file a 2009 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), 14 days late, maximum three hundred fifty (\$350) civil penalty. Mr. McCall has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Chuck Williams, for failure to file a 2009 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Williams has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Tennessee Veterans PAC, for failure to file a 2009 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had previous matters before the board.

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Tony Greene, for failure to file a 2008 4th quarter campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Greene has had a previous matter before the board. (see above)

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Eddie Oden, for failure to file a 2008 4th quarter campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Oden has had previous matters before the board. (see above)

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Reported Financial Expenses

Director Rawlins provided the board members with a list of civil penalties that have been paid year to date.

Director Rawlins provided the board with the Bureau's expenditure report for the 2009/2010 fiscal year through February 2010.

Other Business

Hinton, seconded by McNeece, made a motion, to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion passed unanimously.